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My dear brother H. C. W.

Our New-England Anti-Slavery Convention has just closed its sessions in "the old cradle of Liberty"; and it has been the most numerously attended, the most spirited, the most earnest, the most radical, and the most auspicious and effective, of any of the series — and that is bestowing upon it a splendid eulogy. The present iniquitous war in which this country is now engaged with plundered, stricken, inoffensive Mexico, was a prominent subject of discussion, and the boldest words were uttered against the American government, and loyalty to it was denounced as rebellion against God. The excitement produced was so great, that Faneuil Hall was closed against us the last evening, lest there should be (as there would unquestionably have been) a mob! Of course, we shall turn this occurrence to good account. William Henry Channing and Theodore Parker distinguished themselves for the bravery of their language, and the revolutionary and "treasonable" doctrines

which they enunciated. Never before have such meetings been held in this Commonwealth, or in this country. The pillars of the government are falling — the foundations of existing institutions are shaking — Church and State are tottering to their overthrow. Multitudes are lifting up their voices for a new union and a new government, in which nothing oppressive or unchristian shall enter. The times are stirring and eventful indeed. We are living years ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ days. Every moment is big with a sublime event. Let us remember that they only can be saved — they only be entitled to the crown — who endure unto the end. I feel as full of hope, faith and strength, as my soul can hold. In the midst of all the commotions around me, my peace is as a river. My song continually is — "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice."

Your recent grand meeting in Glasgow filled our convention with joy and exultation, and its proceedings will deeply affect public sentiment throughout this country. Such blows never fall without a stunning effect. If "that blood-stained money" should be sent back to the South, it would produce an immense sensation here, and fall like an av-

lanche upon the slave system. He aid that it would give to our glorious anti-slavery movement cannot be estimated - certainly, not overrated. I sincerely hope the Free Church will return the money, make an unequivocal confession of wrong, and declare slaveholders to be totally unfit to belong to "the household of faith," or recognized as the children of God.

My time is so limited, (to a few moments, for the mail closes directly,) my heart is so full, that I shall fail in saying any thing worth communicating in this sheet. As to the kind and brotherly invitation that has been given to me to visit Scotland this summer, I dare not say, now, that I will or can comply with it; but nothing would give me so much joy as to be able to do so. You shall know more definitely about it by the next steamer. It was cordially resolved, by the N. E. Convention, that I ought to go, in case my health will allow, and I can make the necessary arrangements. How to leave my family, how to leave the Liberator, how to leave the country, at the present great crisis, I do not know; but I know that I will consider the matter carefully, and that nothing but insuperable obstacles will induce me to say "nay" to the invitation. Still, your expectations must not be too highly raised.

You must say to Elizabeth Pease, George Thompson, Frederick Douglass and James N. Buffum, &c. &c. that I am utterly unable to write to them by the present conveyance; but I fondly hope to present to them "a living epistle," ere long. If not, they shall have written messages, which shall tell them anew, how I love and cherish them all, in my inmost soul.

Dear brother, your labors abroad are appreciated at home, as of immense value to the cause of liberty and righteousness. Heaven preserve your health, and grant us the privilege of soon embracing each other. Ever yours, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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